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Department's 1820 of June 29 received yesterday after asylum already granted by Mexican Embassy Guatemala to refugees. I referred to the problem in discussing other matters with official Mayor of Foreign Office today (he is now senior officer in charge during illness of the Secretary and Under Secretary). He stated that Mexican Embassy has given refuge to about 500 Guatemalans. I inquired what would be the disposition thereof. He rather hoped that they would not want to come to Mexico but stated that any that did would be required to give most strict undertaking not to take part in politics in any way, shape or form while here, as was done in the case of Haya de la Torre. I remarked that Communists would always work undercover and with other Communists here in Mexico. Campos Ortiz replied that they would strictly forbid any such activities. In reply to my inquiry as to their attitude should criminal charges be brought against any of the refugees, he stated their attitude would be based strictly on the provisions of the Pan American conventions governing asylum.

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